GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

WCDA&SCs Dept., – Menstrual Hygiene Management Programs in Andhra Pradesh – Notifying Menstrual Hygiene Management Working Committee for implementation of MHM programs by line Departments in Andhra Pradesh-Orders-Issued.

DEPTT., FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED & SENIOR CITIZENs(Prog.I)

G.O.Rt.No.193, Dated:26/10/2020

Read the following:-

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September, 2020 on line 5th Meeting of the Menstrual Hygiene Management Working Committee chaired by Principal Secretary to Govt., Department of Women Development & Child Welfare organized by APHRDI.
2. Letter from the Director General, Andhra Pradesh Human Resource Development Institute, Government of Andhra Pradesh, dt.15-10-2020.

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ORDER:

The Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) has been recognized as an integral part of the Swatch Bharat Mission and a set of guidelines have been issued by Government of India (GOI) in the year 2015 to channelize the efforts of all the States and local self-governments towards the same goal. Several departments are having MHM related activities as part of their regular programs.

2. The APHRD Institute has initiated capacity building activities for stake holders and officials of line departments of state related to Menstrual Hygiene Management with technical support of UNICEF through its Centre for Sustainable Goals (CSG).

3. The Department of Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens is the lead department for pursuing the Menstrual Hygiene Management activities along with Medical and Health, School Education and other line departments. The Menstrual Hygiene Management Working Committee meetings are being organized by APHRD Institute with all the major line departments in pursuance of the above objective. UNICEF is providing technical support for the same.

4. So far 5 Working Committee meetings have been organized in order to move forward collectively in the implementation MHM programme in Andhra Pradesh. The 5th Working Committee meeting on Menstrual Hygiene Management was held on 16th September, 2020 under Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to Govt., Department of Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens.

5. One of the important recommendations of the above Committee is to notify the “Working Committee on Menstrual Hygiene Management in Andhra Pradesh” with HODs of line departments under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Govt., Department of Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens. This is for ensuring a co-ordinated effort of all the departments to enable effective implementation of various programs, policies and guidelines relating to Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) towards creating a safe, supportive and healthy environment for women and adolescent girls where they can manage Menstrual Hygiene with dignity and privacy.

6. After detailed examination of the proposals received from the Director General, APHRDI, Bapatla, it is decided to notify officially the Working Committee on Menstrual Hygiene Management as follows:-

Sl.No	Designated Department Officer	Chairperson/ Member
1	Commissioner / Director, Women Development and Child Welfare, Guntur.	Chair Person

2	JD/Focal Point Person of MHM Programs, Women Development and Child Welfare	Member
3	JD/Focal Point Person of MHM Programs, School Education Department	Member
4	JD/Focal Point Person of MHM Programs, Health Department	Member
5	JD/Focal Point Person of MHM Programs, PR & RD	Member
6	JD/Focal Point Person of MHM Programs, RWS&S	Member
7	JD/Focal Point Person of MHM Programs, Tribal Welfare Dept.	Member
8	Focal Point Person of MHM Programs, Swachh Andhra Corporation	Member
9	Focal Point Person of MHM Programs, SC, ST, BC Welfare Departments and Minorities Welfare Dept.	Members
10	Focal Point Person of MHM Programs, SERP	Member
11	Focal Point Person of MHM Programs, MEPMA	Member
12	Focal Point Person from APHRD Institute	Convenor
13	Focal Point Person from WASH Section, UNICEF, Field Office Hyderabad	Member
14	Selective Representatives of NGO, Retired Senior Officers of State line Depts.	Special Invitees

7. The recommendations in the Working Committee proceedings on MHM will be reviewed by the concerned Heads of Department. They would also issue suitable instructions for implementation of the programme.

8. The Heads of the following departments would issue instructions for effective implementation of the MHM:–

1. Department of Women, Children, Differently Abled and Senior Citizens
2. Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (RWS&S) Department
3. Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department
4. Tribal Welfare Department
5. School Education / Higher Education Departments
6. Swachh Andhra Corporation, MA&UD Dept.
7. Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, PR&RD Dept.
8. Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas.
9. Departments of SC, ST, BC and Minorities welfare.

Following are the objectives of the MHM Working Committee: -

- To ensure effective implementation of various programs, policies and guidelines relating to Menstrual Hygiene Management by a coordinated effort of all the line departments.
- Every adolescent girl and woman needs to have awareness of menarche and regular periods to cope.
- Access to Sanitary Pads at all times in schools, Public Institutions and Public Transport facilities with disposal WASH amenities on 24X7 mode.
- Every adolescent boy needs be sensitized about menarche and regular periods to protect dignity of girls and women.
- Capacity building to support and create enabling environment for women and adolescent girls in Andhra Pradesh by training, awareness campaign and sharing IEC material to all organisations related to MHM.
- Common Action Plan at Mandal and Division level by pooling up departmental budgets at district level and identifying pilot areas for effective implementation of MHM programme .

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- To coordinate and monitor MHM related-YSR Kishori Vikasam Raksha, RKSK, Nadu-Nedu School infrastructure development component of WASH and Sanitary Napkin disposal mechanism in Rural areas etc.
- To facilitate organising MHM Data base of the AP State and put in place a data sharing mechanism for enabling policy decisions and implementation by Govt.
- To jointly organise Global events, workshops, seminars related to MHM and Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).

9. The Working Committee on MHM shall meet quarterly with the agenda suggested by members during the preceding MHM meeting and review the implementation of decisions. The Focal point official of APHRDI will coordinate the Working Committee meetings, organize capacity building programmes, conduct workshops / seminars and prepare IEC material.

10. With technical support of UNICEF Team, the Committee will guide the line departments to coordinate with non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations and develop partnerships. An effort will be made to mobilize resources from different sources (UN agencies, INGOs, NGOs, CSR etc.). The APHRD Institute has agreed to coordinate the MHM Committee activities in furtherance of the above activities.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A.R.ANURADHA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Secretaries of all the line departments.
The Director General, APHRD Institute, Bapatla, Guntur District.
The Chief of UNICEF, Hyderabad Field Office.

Copy to:-
1. The Heads of all the line departments
2. The all District Collectors
3. The WASH Specialist, UNICEF HFO
4. The WASH Consultant, UNICEF HFO
5. Sri D.Chakrapani, IAS (Retd.), Former Director General, APHRD Institute.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER